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Hey — hello! Yeah, you — how's your mistletoe hangin'? Season's Greetings to all! Now sit back with a nice box of eggnog-flavored popcorn and prepare yourself for yet another **Comico Attractions** diatribe by yours truly, **Santa Schreck!** I've got lots of goodies for all you good boys and girls in this month's promotional stocking stuffer!

This being the time of year when everyone's "supposed" to be happy, we thought you'd be in the market for some real laughs after the holidays, so in January you'd better pick up **Steve Purcell's Sam and Max: Freelance Police Special #1** and **Frank Thorne's Ribit! #1** — that's an order! If you don't, we're gonna send out an invitation to all your relatives requesting that they spend a long weekend at your place in February!

Ribit! was the cover feature of **Comico Attractions** #10, as well as the focus of an article in *Amazing Heroes* last year. Those were both published quite some time ago, so I want to stress to everyone who's reading this that you *didn't* already buy **Ribit!** and that it is *not* a reprint! This is an all-new, four-issue miniseries by one of the finest illustrators and storytellers of our time! **Frank Thorne's** work has been critically acclaimed internationally and has appeared in such fine publications as *Playboy.* **Ribit!** is a really wacked-out story about a diminutive, green, bug-gobbling gremlin who's been conjured to defend a dying breed of sorcerers and elves against evil techno-wizards hell-bent on their destruction! Medieval sorcery confronts the deadly weapons of modern science as a hodgepodge of skateboards, wizards, mechanical dogs, motorized dragonflies, warlords, Uzis, ATVs, VCRs, and aliens all come together to make the weirdest, wildest book you'll ever read! It's all painstakingly hand-painted by **Frank Thorne** himself, and it features back-cover photos of Mr. Thorne and **Linda Behrle** as the wizard Boomer Fen and the omniscient sorceress Sargasso, respectively! **Ribit!** is fun, so don't miss it!

Next, featured on our back cover, is the most frenetic and furry fraternity since "moose and squirrel." **Steve Purcell** is the guy who wrote this month's **Gumby's Winter Fun Special,** illustrated by **Arthur Adams.** (By the way, let's have a round of applause for Comico's two **Eisner Awards: Gumby's Summer Fun Special** as the "Best Single Issue" of 1987, and **Steve Rude, Willie Blyberg,** and **Ken Steacy** as "Best Art Team" of 1987 for their work on **Space Ghost**!) Anyway, Purcell's Sam and Max are now "pooch and bunny," and they're on the ultimate road trip, one that takes them anywhere and any*when* they want! In this forty-page adventure, you'll discover the answers to the most elusive riddles of the universe, do battle with evil motorcycle gangs, and even cruise past Stuckey's! To date, Sam and Max have appeared in a black-and-white Special from Fishwrap Productions, an issue of *Critters,* and a *Munden's Bar* back-up in First Comics' *Grimjack.* Don't miss their biggest and funniest adventure yet this January. Hey, it's in *color,* too!

Speaking of Fishwrap, don't forget **Steve Moncuse's** bimonthly **The Fish Police!** Issue #14 is on the racks right now and is looking good, with lots of yucks and more surprises from writer/artist Moncuse, as well as a nice **Fish Shticks** back-up illustrated by **Stan** *(Usagi Yojimbo)* **Sakai!** Next issue's back-up is by none other than **Ken** (*MythAdventures*) **Mitchroney!** Look for *it* in February.

Our front cover spotlights *another* series guaranteed to tickle your funny bone. Created and written by **Will Jacobs** and **Gerard Jones** and illustrated by **Tim Hamilton,** it's . . . **The Trouble with Girls!** Lester Girls is a nice, quiet guy who wants a serene life devoid of any extreme pressures and excitement, the very type of escapades that might besiege the life of a secret agent! Of course, Lester's life is filled with one hair-raising event after another, and watching him cope with these situations is only *half* the fun! He's got a zany bunch of friends (to use the term loosely) who only wind up making matters worse, getting Lester even deeper into trouble.

Formerly an Eternity Comics title, **The Trouble with Girls** will make its Comico premiere with all-new, all-color, action-packed, hilarious adventures in February 1989! Previously billed as having "all the sex and twice the violence," **The Trouble with Girls** might be better suited for the over-thirteen set! Check it out!

Elementals fans were promised some interesting info last issue, and here it is: In order to keep the story line and character development moving along each and every month, **Elementals** creator **Bill Willingham** has decided that he will continue to weave his compelling tale as writer for the series and welcome aboard a new team to provide the pencil-and-ink art. We are proud to announce that the **Elementals** will start an all-new series, beginning with issue #1 in March of 1989, featuring penciller **Mike Leeke** and inker **Mike Chen** at the artistic helm! Many of you will remember our Mikes from their fine work on **Robotech The Macross Saga.** Now they're bringing a whole *new* art style to this book, delivering their finest work to date! In the meantime, be on the lookout for **Elementals Special #2** in January, which is completely written and illustrated by **Bill Willingham** and continues the infamous Jeremy Skagg/Rapture adventure from issue #23 of the original series. This exciting epic will continue with **Elementals #1** in March!

Don't forget our two most recent acquisitions: that tremendous, trouble-shooting trio, the **Trollords** (by **Scott Beaderstadt, Paul Fricke,** and **Len Strazewski**), and the mysterious **MAZE Agency** (by **Mike W. Barr, Adam Hughes,** and **Rick Magyar**)! Also, keep your eyes peeled for our two old-timers who just get better with age: **Justice Machine** and **Grendel**! Currently being produced by creator/writer **Matt Wagner** and illustrators **John K. Snyder, Jay Geldhof,** and **Joe Matt, Grendel** is scarier than ever! **Justice Machine** is also in high throttle with creator/artist **Mike Gustovich** providing the look and writer **Doug Murray** the stories — at least until February, after which time Doug will be leaving the series for a new assignment! Comico and Mike Gustovich would like to thank Mr. Murray for his fine contributions to **Justice Machine** over this past year, and wish him all the best on all his future endeavors! But here comes *another* announcement, folks: Beginning in March, none other than **Len Wein** will take over the writing chores on everybody's favorite misunderstood super-team! For those few who may not be aware of Mr. Wein's past accomplishments, he is a long-time editor and writer for Marvel and DC Comics, and was the co-creator/writer of two of the most popular comic books ever: the new *X-Men* and *Swamp Thing!* Welcome to Comico, Len!

We've got a lot more surprises up our sleeves in store for you in 1989, like **Justice Machine** and **MAZE Agency Annuals,** and some really *hot* new series by some of the finest talents in the biz. So stay tuned, stay healthy, and live, breathe, and eat Comico comics, *the* comics for discerning palates!

Oh — one more teaser before we meet again in February's **Attractions: The Amazon** is calling! Get your passport and papers in order!

Just trying to be,
Bob Schreck
Administrative Director

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Shipping January 3rd, 1989

GRENDEL #27
JUSTICE MACHINE #25

Shipping January 10th, 1989

THE MAZE AGENCY #2
TROLLORDS #2

Shipping January 17th, 1989

ROBOTECH The Macross Saga #35
SAM AND MAX, Freelance Police Special #1

January 24th, 1989

RIBIT! #1
ELEMENTALS SPECIAL #2

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Shipping February 7th, 1989

GRENDEL #28: *As Pellon Cross and Pope Innocent XLII come to terms, Orion delivers some extremely explosive information to the Board. Meanwhile, the Deva Princes have got some explaining to do! "Devils Driven" is written by* ***Matt Wagner,*** *pencilled by* ***John K. Snyder,*** *inked by guest artist* ***Bernie Mireault,*** *and features hand-painted color by* ***Joe Matt.*** *This issue contains adult themes and harsh language. Parental guidance is suggested.*

JUSTICE MACHINE #26: *The Earth/Georwell War is over and it is up to the Justice Machine to sort out the truth from the devastation of lies. Back on Georwell, the insidious Zarren atones for his failed conquest of Earth, as Blazer discovers the real reason for her lack of control over her powers. Move over, Bob Barker — "Truth and Consequences" is scripted by* ***Michael Eury,*** *plotted and pencilled by JM creator* ***Mike Gustovich,*** *inked by* ***Dell Barras,*** *and colored by* ***Ken Feduniewicz.***

Shipping February 14th, 1989

THE FISH POLICE #15: *At the Rural Reefs Oscar begins to uncover Gill's secret, as the Inspector has the sinking sensation that he hasn't quite felt like himself for several months now! And meanwhile, could Hook be losing control? Story and art by* ***Steve Moncuse,*** *with color by* ***Trishie Schutz.*** *Plus: a* ***Fish Shticks*** *back-up written by Moncuse and illustrated by* ***Ken*** (MythAdventures) ***Mitchroney.***

The MAZE Agency #3: *Fasten your seat belts for this action-packed issue that puts our deductive duo hot on the trail of a car thief! Not just any old car thief, mind you — this one has swiped a high-tech prototype that will have underworld kingpins reaching deep into their pockets to possess it! Jennifer Mays and Gabe Webb investigate this fuel-injected adventure: "The Case of the Vanishing Vehicle" is written by* ***Mike W. Barr,*** *pencilled by* ***Adam Hughes,*** *inked by* ***Rick Magyar,*** *with colors by* ***Julia Lacquement.***

Shipping February 21st, 1989

ROBOTECH The Macross Saga #36: *The final chapter of* ***The Macross Saga*** *brings this incredibly successful series to a close, as Admiral Gloval orders Lisa Hayes to take command of the SDF-2 on a mission to discover the true homeworld of Robotechnology! But Khyron has his own plans for both the SDF-1 and SDF-2! Find out what Rick Hunter has to say about all this in "To The Stars," scripted by* ***Markālan Joplin,*** *pencilled by* ***Mike Leeke,*** *inked by* ***Mike Chen,*** *and colored by* ***Trishie Schutz.***

THE TROUBLE WITH GIRLS #1: *Meet Lester Girls . . . a man whose fondest desire is to lead a quiet life in the suburbs of Dullsville. Unfortunately, his dreams don't come true, as his daily existence is bombarded with non-stop action and adventure . . . not to mention hundreds of awesome babes! Join Lester, his best buddy Apache Dick, the scheming reporter Maxi Scoops, the ever-sexy Lizard Lady, and those wacky but lovable nephews, Willy and Jerry Foster, as the whole gang sets off to L.A. to make a movie about Lester's life. Sumo wrestlers may be no problem for Lester, but can he handle the hideous hacks of Hollywood? This all-new, all-color, hilariously satirical series is created and written by* ***Will Jacobs*** *and* ***Gerard Jones,*** *and illustrated by* ***Tim Hamilton,*** *with colors by* ***Matt Webb.*** *Contains mature themes and some nudity. Parental Guidance Suggested.*

February 28th, 1989

COMICO ATTRACTIONS #17: *More hype from the manic mind of* ***Bob Schreck,*** *giving everyone a sneak peek at* ***Bill Willingham's*** *all-new* ***Elementals*** *series and featuring artwork by* ***Mike Leeke*** *and* ***Mike Chen,*** *as well as a glimpse at a new three-issue mini-series created and written by* ***Steve*** (Kafka) ***Seagle*** *and illustrated by* ***Tim*** (Grendel/Thieves' World) ***Sale,*** *titled* ***The Amazon!***

RIBIT! #2: *Ribit enlists the aid of Queen Calliope and her band of elves to rescue the sorceress Sahtee and Rib's beloved Thogroanus from the hands of the evil chrome-clad warlord Vomick! But a vat of boiling oil says she can't! Meanwhile, Boomer Fen convinces the sexy Sargasso that she is but a bump and a grind away from cosmic consciousness. This four-issue mini-series is the most radical mix of totally now technology and ancient alchemy you'll ever read! Created, written, and beautifully illustrated by* ***Frank Thorne.***

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